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| <b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b>            | <b>Applicant(s)</b>     |
|   | 09/855,292                        | MACY, WILLIAM W.        |
|   | <b>Examiner</b><br>Dennis Rosario | <b>Art Unit</b><br>2624 |

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** After Final

(1) Dennis Rosario, PTO personnel. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Joni D. Stutman-Horn, applicant's representative. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 22 January 2007

**Time:** 1000

**Type of Interview:**

Telephonic  
 Video Conference  
 Personal (Copy given to:  Applicant  Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:  Yes  No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

1,7,11,17,21 and 27

Prior art documents discussed:

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner suggested inserting the limitation of "detecting an edge in the enhanced image" in all of the independent claims because there was no support found in the specification of claim 1, last line of "as determined by the edge detection" which refers to claim 1, line 3: "detecting an edge in the smoothed image." Applicant's representative mentioned that edges detected in a smoothed image were used by a median filter. However, the examiner did not find such a feature in the specification and instead found on page 8, line 16 to page 9, line 2 that edge detection was performed on an enhanced image where said median filter is applied..